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July 29, 1991

Mr. Frank Wicks
Vice President and General Manager
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
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RE: Draft Stipulation and Consent Order,
Dump Leach No. 2, Notice of Violation
and Order, Docket Number GW90-03.

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We have received your letter of June 4, 1991 regarding your willingness to enter into a formal Stipulation and Consent Order to bring the Notice of Violation to resolution.

Two options are available to negotiation: 1) Cessation of active leaching, neutralization and closure of Dump 2 by firm, clear-cut, and reasonable deadlines, or 2) Open-ended operation of the dump leach, but only with a valid Ground Water Discharge Permit in place. The draft Stipulation and Consent Order attached has been written along the lines of the first option. However, if Barrick elects to operate the dump leach without firm deadlines for cessation of leaching, neutralization and closure, the Order can be written to accommodate this option. Please respond with written comments within two weeks of receipt of this letter.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss any of the details contained in the document. If you have any questions or comments, please call Loren Morton at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

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